

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Cabarrus met for an Agenda Work Session in the Multipurpose Room at the Cabarrus County Governmental Center in Concord, North Carolina at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2026.

Public access to the meeting could also be obtained through the following means:

live broadcast at 5:00 p.m. on Channel 22
<https://www.youtube.com/cabarruscounty>
<https://www.cabarruscounty.us/cabcotv>

Present - Chair: Laura Lindsey
Vice Chairman: Ian Patrick
Commissioners: Jeff Jones
Larry G. Pittman

Absent - Commissioner: Kenneth M. Wortman

Also present were: Kelly Sifford, Interim County Manager; Aalece Pugh, Assistant County Manager; Kyle Bilafer, Assistant County Manager; Doug Hall, County Attorney and Ariadne Olvera, Clerk to the Board.

1. Call to Order

Chair Lindsey called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Work Session Agenda

2.1 BOC - Changes to the Agenda

UPDATED

Discussion Items - No Action

3.2 County Manager - Carolina Farm Stewardship Association Presentation (Presentation)

Discussion Items For Action

4.7 Cooperative Extension Poultry Equipment Rental (Policy and Guidelines)

REMOVED

Discussion Items - Not Action

3.2 County Manager - Carolina Farm Stewardship Association Presentation

3.4 Facilities Design and Construction - Frank Liske Park Second Entrance Feasibility Study and Traffic Impact Analysis Update

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Pittman and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda as amended.

3. Discussion Items - No Action

3.1. BOC - Legislative Update

Chair Lindsey provided an introduction of Senator Chris Measmer, District 34; House of Representatives Grant Campbell, District 83; House of Representatives Jonathan Almond, District 73; and Brian Echervaria, House of Representative, District 82.

Senator Measmer provided updates regarding the following:

- Funding for additional DMV location in Cabarrus County
- REINS Act
- DAVE Act
- Iryna's law

Representative Campbell presented the following updates:

- Task Forces - House Select Committee on Involuntary Commitment, Tax Reform Task Force, Joint Oversight Committee on HHS and Joint Oversight Committee on Medicaid
- Healthcare and Veterans benefits

Representative Almond provides updates as follows:

- Appropriations for HHS
- Election law and reform
- Regulatory reform

- Insurance committee
- Judiciary 3

Representative Echevaria provided additional information regarding the following:

- Property tax

A discussion among the Board of Commissioners and state representatives ensued.

3.2. County Manager - EV Charging Stations at County Locations Discussion

Kyle Bilafer, Assistant County Manager, reported the County currently provides three (3) dual head EV charging stations at County operated locations. The locations are the ITS & Emergency Equipment Warehouse, County Parking Deck, and Afton Library and Active Living Center. Currently the stations can be used for free by staff and citizens.

Mr. Bilafer provided information regarding costs for use of the charging stations in the community.

Lastly, staff requested input from the Board regarding the future use of County operated charging stations.

A discussion ensued. During discussion, Mr. Bilafer responded to questions from the Board. It was the consensus of the Board to obtain additional information for future further discussion.

4. Discussion Items For Action

4.1. Board and Committees - Agricultural Advisory Board - Removal

Sarah Newman, Cooperative Extension Agent, provided information regarding the removal of two members of the Agricultural Advisory Board.

4.2. Board and Committees - Agricultural Advisory Board - Removal

Refer to 4.1.

4.3. Board and Committees - Agricultural Advisory Board - Appointment

Sarah Newman, Cooperative Extension Agent, provided information regarding the appointment and reappointment of two members of the Agricultural Advisory Board.

4.4. Board and Committees - Agricultural Advisory Board - Appointment

Refer to 4.3.

4.5. Cabarrus Soil and Water Conservation District - Authorization for Cabarrus Soil and Water Conservation District to Approve Grant Contract for Agricultural Growth Zone

Amy Cook, Resource Conservation Easement Specialist, requested approval to accept grant funds for an agricultural growth zone for conservation easements and land preservation. If approved, a budget amendment will be needed.

A discussion ensued. During discussion, Kelly Sifford, Interim County Manager, responded to questions from the Board.

4.6. Cooperative Extension - Budget Amendment - Cannon Grant

Tracy LeCompte, Cooperative Extension Director, presented a budget amendment for consideration to increase the revenues and expenses for the additional grant funding awarded to the Cabarrus County 4-H Afterschool Program.

4.7. Cooperative Extension- Poultry Equipment Rental

Sarah Newman, Cooperative Extension Agent, presented a proposal for consideration to rent poultry equipment to the community for small poultry processing. A draft of the proposed guidelines and fee schedule was provided for the Board's review.

Tracy LeCompte, Cooperative Extension Director, provided additional information for the Board's consideration.

A discussion ensued. Doug Hall, County Attorney/General Counsel; Jon Bradley, Risk and Safety Director; and Kyle Bilafer, Assistant County Manager; responded to questions from the Board.

4.8. Consolidated Human Services Agency (CHSA) - Transportation 5310 Elderly and Handicap Grant

Suzanne Moose, Health and Human Services Business Services Director, presented for consideration to apply for additional grant funds from the City of Concord 5310 grant. The program improves the mobility for older adults and people with disabilities. If the grant is approved, a County match will be required along with a budget requirement.

Charles Ratliff, Transportation Manager, was in attendance by electronic means and provided additional information.

A brief discussion ensued. During discussion, Mr. Ratliff responded to questions from the Board.

4.9. Facilities Design and Construction - Recommended Approval of Preferred Bid Alternate for Progress Place Renovation

Michael Miller, Design and Construction Director, presented a request for consideration for a preferred brand alternate, the Building Automation System equipment, for the Progress Place renovation.

A discussion ensued. During discussion, Mr. Miller and Kyle Bilafer, Assistant County Manager, responded to questions from the Board.

4.10. Legal - Termination of 2022 Economic Development Grant between Kroger Fulfillment Network LLC, the City of Concord and Cabarrus County

Doug Hall, County Attorney/General Counsel, reported Kroger received an incentive grant in which a fulfillment center was erected in Cabarrus County. Kroger has since decided not to open the fulfillment center. Therefore, it has been requested that all parties (Kroger, Cabarrus County and the City of Concord) approve the Acknowledgment of the Termination of the Economic Development Grant Agreement.

A discussion ensued. During discussion, David Thrift, Tax Administrator, responded to questions from the Board.

4.11. Tax Administration - Approval of 2025 Delinquent Taxes Having Liens on Real Property and Advertisement Date

David Thrift, Tax Administrator, advised North Carolina General Statute 105-369 requires counties to report the amount of unpaid taxes for the current year, 2025 and to set the advertisement date of those tax liens. It was requested to set the advertisement date for March 28, 2026.

A discussion ensued. During discussion, Mr. Thrift responded to questions from the Board.

5. Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda

5.1. BOC - Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Pittman, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda as follows for the February 17, 2026 regular meeting.

Consent Agenda

- Boards and Committees - Agricultural Advisory Board - Removal
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- Cooperative Extension - Budget Amendment - Cannon Grant
- Cooperative Extension- Poultry Equipment Rental
- Consolidated Human Services Agency (CHSA) - Transportation 5310 Elderly and Handicap Grant
- Facilities Design and Construction - Recommended

Approval of Preferred Bid Alternate for Progress Place Renovation

- Legal - Termination of 2022 Economic Development Grant between Kroger Fulfillment Network LLC, the City of Concord and Cabarrus County
- Tax Administration - Approval of 2025 Delinquent Taxes Having Liens on Real Property and Advertisement Date
- Tax Administration - Refund and Release Reports - January 2026

Reports

- BOC - Receive Updates From Commission Members Who Serve As Liaisons To Municipalities Or On Various Boards/Committees
- BOC - Request for Applications for County Boards/Committees
- Budget - Monthly Budget Amendment Report
- Budget - Monthly Financial Update
- Communications and Outreach - Monthly Summary Report
- County Manager - Cabarrus Arena and Events Center Financial Report
- County Manager - Monthly Building Activity Reports
- EDC - December 2025 Monthly Summary Report
- Fire Marshal - Cabarrus County Fire Services Monthly Report
- Super Cab Co - Monthly Report

Chair Lindsey expressed her appreciation to staff for all their work during the inclement weather conditions over the last two weeks. She shared a video documenting the events.

8. Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Pittman, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



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Ariadne, Clerk to the Board